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AMENDMENT

In response to the Restriction Request mailed November 1, 2007, Applicants wish to elect Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a method for specifically detecting chitin and not cellulose in a sample and a kit. Group II, claims 18-22, are withdrawn without traverse. The listing of claims begins on page 2 of this response. The Conclusion section appears on page 6.